(c) if not, what are reasons of delay in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The specific steps taken by the Government to implement its policy in respect of MOUs as enunciated in the Industrial Policy Statement of 24 July, 1991 are as under:

(i) Action has been initiated for making the Boards more professional.

(ii) Delegation of additional powers to the Boards of PSUs is being periodically reviewed and in this regard an exercise is currently underway in order to dedermine the extent of enhanced powers that can be delegated to the MOU signing companies in respect of making new investments, renewals/replacements and setting up of point ventures.

(iii) MOUs to be entered into by the Government with PSEs for 1991-92 and 1992-93 will be laid on the Table of the House by the concerned Ministry/Department.

(iv) The evaluation of 1990-91 MOUs has been completed and the same forms a part of the Public Enterprises Survey for 1990-91 (Vol. I, Chapter-14, pages 160—161) which was placed on the Table of the House on the 5th March, 1992. In so far as the evaluation of the 1991-92 MOUs is concerned the same shall be taken up once the audited accounts of the MOU signing PSEs are finalised and adopted on or before 30th September, 1992.

(c) Does not arise.

2396. [*Transferred to the 17th March*, 1992].

Cut in production by companies

2397. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that several Indian companies have decreased their production; and

(b) if so, the names of those companies and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) As per the returns submitted by the Indian companies to the Directorate General of Technical Development (DGTD), there has been a decline in production. However, such decline in production is not due to the out in production declared by the companies but due to factors such as shortage of raw-materials, power shortage, lack of orders, etc.

2398. [*Transferred to the 17th March*, 1992].

Inclusion of Singareni Collieries Company Limited in Coal India Limited

2399. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include Singareni Collieries Company Limited in Coal India Limited as one of ts subsidaries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B NYAMAGOUDA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of a National Renewal Fund

2400. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to IMF pressure, Government announced the setting up of National Renewal Fund before beginning of the Parliament Session; and

(b) if not, the reasons for announcing it before the Parliament Session?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The statement on industrial policy on 24-7-91 had mentioned the need for creation of a social security mechanism for protecting the interest of workers. The speech of the Finance Minister on 24-7-91 while presenting the Budget for 1991-92 had also clearly mentioned that the Government would establish a National Renewal Fund with a substantial corpus. As a follow up, a concept paper on the NRF was prepared which was also considered at the second meeting of Special Tripartite Committee to consider the impact of new industrial policy on labour and other related issues on 20-1-92. The constitution and announcement of the National Renewal Fund in early Feb' 92 is therefore a matter of routine follow up of Government policy and has no special reason for its announcement in Feb'92.

Changes in Exim Crip Facilty

2401. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Industry Ministry has suggested some changes in Exim Crip facility;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the response from the concerned Ministries to the suggestions of change in Exim Crip facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) Since Exim Scrip facility was available to a section of raw-materials and intermediates imported by industries, the Ministry of Industry had suggested that, in the interest of further simplification of import procedures, there was need to extend if to an indusrial materials. It was also suggested that, accordingly, suitable enhancement of Exim scrips entitlement should be made. As announced in the Budget for 1992-93, all import needs will be met through the provisions contained in the Liberalised Exchange Rate Management System (LERMS). These provisions are consistent with the Suggestions made by the Industry Ministry.

Radial tyres for Maruti Udyog Limited

2402. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Radial tyres made in the country are not upto the mark there by compelling M|s. Maruti Udyog Limited to import such Radial tyres at very high prices from abroad for exporting their cars; if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, the prices at which the tyres are imported and at what cost it reaches M|s. Maruti Udyog Limited factory vis-a-vis the cost of similar Indian tyres; and

(c) the cost which is estimated for such tyres for exporting alongwith M|s. Maruti Udyog Limited cars?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) Maruti Udyog Ltd. has been importing radial tyres to meet the requirement of export markets. The imported tyres are about 10 per cent more expensive than Indian tyres at present, but a price revision on these tyres is due.

Industries in NOIDA

2403. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: